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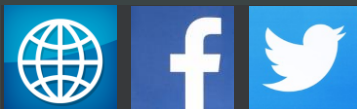
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Unfortunately in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, we know all too well the amount of child abuse occurring in our community.

When it comes to child abuse prevention, follow your instincts. If you suspect something is off, report it. Whether that is to law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center, adults must intervene on behalf of children. Child abuse is not the time to mind our own business.

This is why April is the perfect time for Bivona Child Advocacy Center to hold its annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing press conference. This MOU is for the partners of the Multidisciplinary Team, a multi-agency collaborative effort that is coordinated, integrated, and facilitated by Bivona Child Advocacy Center. This team includes local law enforcement agencies, victim services, medical professionals, and other organizations.



By signing onto this MOU, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office pledges to collaborate with Bivona and its partner agencies to provide the most comprehensive and effective interventions in cases involving child sexual and physical abuse, or cases with child witnesses, all while minimizing additional trauma to the child.

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
11

Monroe County Total: 14

This is so important for our community's most vulnerable members, our children. The dedicated attorneys in my Special Victims Unit and I know that we would not be able to effectively do our jobs without Bivona. These team members do amazing work for the children who have been through more trauma than most can imagine.

Here at the District Attorney's Office, our Special Victims Unit has six full-time Assistant District Attorneys who focus on child abuse cases. These ADAs, led by Bureau Chief Sara VanStrydonck, see some of the most heinous cases that come through our office. The dedicated men and women in this bureau are strong and compassionate attorneys who impress me each and every day with their fortitude and their ability to be voices for children in the courtroom.

Like the attorneys in the Special Victims Unit, the members of the Bivona Multidisciplinary Team know what it takes to be an advocate for the children in our community.



In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, I urge you to learn about Bivona Child Advocacy Center and its great work. And most importantly, if you have any indication of child abuse, please report it to law enforcement. Your instinct may save a child's life.

Sandra

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Monroe County Jury convicted 42-year-old **Piero Scala** of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th Degree for the murder of Cathy O'Brien in October 2019. On October 9, 2019, Webster Police Officers arrived at the home of Cathy O'Brien on Oakdale Drive for a welfare check. Upon arriving, the officers found 56-year-old Cathy O'Brien deceased with multiple stab wounds. On October 28, 2019, after a thorough investigation conducted by the Webster Police Department and the New York State Police, which included assistance from the public, Piero Scala was arrested for her murder. The two were known to each other. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau. Piero Scala will be sentenced on June 26, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

Eric Saurini pled guilty to Burglary in the Second Degree, 3 counts of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, 3 counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, and 1 count of Identity Theft in the Second Degree for burglarizing a residence in the Town of Irondequoit, stealing multiple credit cards from inside the residence, and then using the stolen credit cards to make fraudulent purchases at various locations in Monroe County. The defendant will be sentenced to state prison on June 30, 2023 by Monroe County Court Judge Julie M. Hahn. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Betsy Guttierrez pled guilty to Robbery in the 1st Degree for arranging a home invasion that resulted in the victim being beat over the head with a gun and shot at on November 15, 2022. The defendant will be sentenced to 10 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall on May 30, 2023. Betsy Guttierrez's co-defendants, Jaylan Golden and Damion Elzey go to trial on Monday, April 17, 2023. This case is being prosecuted Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm and Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, both of the Major Felony Bureau.

Terrance Anderson was indicted on three counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, and Unlawful Fleeing A Police Officer in A Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree in relation to a vehicular incident on November 24, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Emeer Andrews was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to an illegal weapon possession on June 4, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Daryl Dunmore was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, two counts of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd Degree. These charges are in relation to domestic related events on March 28, 2023, and March 3, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Randy Allen was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree in relation to an illegal weapon and narcotics possessions on March 24, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Adam Dolby was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to an assault on a University of Rochester Public Safety Peace Officer on March 13, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Esmeralda Martinez was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to an illegal weapon and illegal narcotics possession on September 17, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Travis Baldwin was indicted on two counts of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd degree in relation to a domestic incident on November 6, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Johnny Lee Greggs was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to the armed robbery of an individual on October 4, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Kelvin Stanford was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree. These charges are in relation to an illegal weapon and illegal narcotics possessions on November 27, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Sidney Lawhorn was indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to an incident that occurred on April 5, 2023 in the Town of Henrietta. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karen Chung, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Byron Davis was indicted on Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an attempted murder on June 29, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Nickolas Maxon was indicted on Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a domestic incident on March 25, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Lawrence Gaines was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree. These charges are in relation to an illegal weapon and illegal narcotics possessions on October 28, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Nicholas Collins was indicted on Making a Terroristic Threat in relation to a terroristic threat on January 23, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Felipe Burgos and **Tyrell Jones** were indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree in relation to an illegal weapon and illegal narcotics possession on March 28, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Keith Dobles was indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to a carjacking at Delta Sonic on April 1, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Daymon Vernon was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to an illegal weapon possession on March 31, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the News

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